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PRESS RELEASE

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Date/Time of Occurrence: March 29, 2008
Nature of Event: Organized Retail Theft Ring
Location of Call: Placer County
Released by: Lt. Jeffrey Ausnow 530-889-7862

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Placer County Deputies arrested two male suspects involved in organized retail thefts throughout Placer County.

On 03-26-08 two males entered the Bel-Air grocery store located in Auburn and began stealing high priced items such as shaving razors and over the counter medications. One of the males was wearing specially altered pants that allowed for numerous items to be concealed.

Dennis Antonio Garcia, 24, was arrested outside the store. Nearly 30 items stolen from the store were found hidden in Garcia's specially designed pant legs. The suspect's actions were caught on the stores video surveillance.

A second suspect, Marlon Castellano, 27, fled the scene but was later captured when he returned to their get away car parked nearby. A search of the car revealed at least \$10,000.00 in merchandise stolen from other retail businesses.

Garcia and Castellano are both from Honduras and it is suspected that the stolen items were to be sold at a discount. They were arrested for conspiracy to commit burglary, burglary and grand theft. Their charges are from thefts at three separate Placer County businesses.

Organized Retail Thefts continue to increase within the county. The Sheriff's Department encourages the business community to be observant of teams of individuals targeting high end retail items. We also ask that businesses assist law enforcement by marking these items so that in the event of a theft, Law Enforcement can identify where the items have come from.



Marlon Castellano



Dennis Antonio Garcia

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